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CONTRAVIENCE OF UNSCR 1718

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11. (U) Following Embassy engagement with the MFA April 8 (Ref B), the Royal Thai Government subsequently released a statement expressing concern regarding North Korea's missile launch. The statement expressly states that Thailand believes the launch was in contravention of UNSCR 1718.

12. (U) Begin statement text:

Thailand's Statement on the launch of a long-range rocket by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Thailand expresses its grave concern on the launch of a long-range rocket by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on 5 April 2009 at 11.30 hrs. (KST). We believe that this action not only contravenes UNSC Resolution 1718 but also adversely affects peace and security in the Korean Peninsula and the region.

Thailand urges all parties concerned to exercise restraint and reiterate its call for a peaceful solution through diplomatic channels in addressing this issue.

Thailand is fully committed to enhancing long term peace and stability in the region and is ready to work closely with all countries, including in the ARF process, to achieve a sustainable solution.

End statement text.
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